

AT OUR LAST MEETING

As of the last meeting, the treasury stood at \$117.08. We are holding our own, but without continued contributions the Network will be unable to expand its work. We thank all those who have already donated time and money, and now we are encouraging them to get their friends to do likewise. We hope you will be able to support or attend the following benefits for the Network:

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20th - at 9PM, a bar benefit at *Rosemary's*, 2317 Hanover Ave., Allentown. A donation of \$3.00 will include entertainment by Sharon Ettinger, a local popular folksinger. In case of snow, the benefit will be held the following Wednesday, February 27th.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14th - at 8PM, "*An Evening With Gertrude Stein*" - see enclosed flyer.

SATURDAY MARCH 15th - at 8PM, "*Conversations With Pat Bond*," in Harrisburg. Pat, star of the film "*Word is Out*" will be performing her new act. Tickets will be on sale at the next Network meeting. For information call the Gay Switchboard: 1-717-234-0338.

SUNDAY, MARCH 16th - at 8PM, "*Conversations With Pat Bond*," in Pittsburgh. This will be a reprise on the March 15th show.

PRIDE '80

We discussed themes for the state conference, **PRIDE '80**. It was generally felt that we should concentrate on building coalitions within our own community and work towards state-wide goals for securing full Lesbian/Gay rights. We would also like to provide space for special groups - Women, Men, Blacks, Third World peoples, older Lesbians and Gays, and the handicapped - so that they might be able to formulate plans and strategies for their own needs. Final discussion of the theme will be held at the April Network meeting.

SPRING PRIMARIES

The Network will be contacting candidates for the US Senate, from Pennsylvania, in order to elicit their views on Lesbian/Gay rights. The results of those meetings will be made available to all groups in the state. A questionnaire for candidates for the Pennsylvania General Assembly is being prepared, and will be ready at the next meeting. We will be concentrating on those office seekers who will be members of key committees.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

On February 3rd, 1874, Gertrude Stein was born in Allegheny, Pennsylvania. Although the Commonwealth has yet to get around to honoring this great woman with a state holiday, the Network is marking the occasion with the presentation of "*An Eveing With Gertrude Stein*." The enclosed flyer gives you more details, and this event will give you the opportunity to learn more about one of the most accomplished writers of this, or any other, century. If you would like to read some of her work, Giovanni's Room bookstore has them available by mail order. Write to them, at: 345 S. 12th St., Phila., Pa. 19107, for their current catalogues.

AT OUR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Saturday February 16th, at 1PM, at the Friends Meetinghouse, 6th & Herr Sts., Harrisburg. Since we will need to know how much money we will have to raise, and what registration fees to charge, we will be discussing the preliminary budget for **PRIDE '80**. Final decisions will be made on which races we want to concentrate on in the Spring Primaries. We will also be discussing Lesbian/Gay input into this years' White House Conference on the Family.

For those people who travel substantial distances to get to our meetings, overnight housing is available. If you would like to arrange for a place to stay on Saturday night, contact Rodger Beatty at 1-717-657-1812. In case of bad weather, check the numbers in the last issue of this newsletter, or contact your local Lesbian/Gay switchboard.

PENNSYLVANIA NOTES

Dignity/Central Pa. will host Father John McNeil, author of "*The Church and The Homosexual*" on Saturday February 16, at the Friends Meetinghouse in Harrisburg. Fr. McNeil will be lecturing at 2PM.

WELCOME

Our community is constantly expanding, and some of the newer groups, formed in the past few months, are listed here:

LEBANON - c/o John Miller, P.O. Box 132, Lebanon, Pa.17042

WILSON COLLEGE RAP GROUP - c/o Marakay Rodgers
Wilson College, Chambersburg, Pa. 17201

COALITION OF BLACK GAYS - c/o Tony Henry, AFSC
1501 Cherry St., Phila., Pa.. 19102 (Meets on Tuesday nights, 7PM, at the above address)

WOMEN TOGETHER - An open Alcoholics Anonymous meeting for Lesbians. c/o GCCP, 326 Kater St., Phila., Pa. 19147. (Meets on Wednesdays, 8:30PM, at the address above)

We will try to bring you additional information on new groups as soon as we have it. Plans are underconsideration for the Network and the Philadelphia Lesbian & Gay Task Force to publish an annual resource guide of all Lesbian/Gay activities in Pennsylvania.

SPECIAL NOTE

The Network meeting in April, Saturday the 19th, will be held in State College, at 1PM. The location will be announced in the next newsletter, and those wishing overnight housing should contact Rodger. At this meeting we will be showing the film "*Gay Proud and Sober*."

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